

REMARKS

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed on November 1, 2007.

Claims 1, 13, 15, 29, 30, 40, and 50 are amended. Claim 49 is canceled without disclaimer or prejudice. No claims are added. As a result, claims 1-6, 13-22, 29-32, 38, 40, and 50-51 are now pending in this application.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-3 and 6 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2004/0125565 to Chen et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,060,224 B2 to Edman et al. of record.

Applicant respectfully traverses.

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the things of the allowable dependent claim 49. Thus, Applicant believes that claim 1 is now also allowable. As noted above, Applicant cancels claim 49. In view of the amendment to claim 1, Applicant requests reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejection, and allowance of claim 1 and its dependent claims 2, 3, and 6.

Claims 4 and 5 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0125565 A1) and Edman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,060,224 B2) as applied to claim 1 above and further in view of U.S. Publication No. 2005/0059238 to Chen et al. herein after Chen (2005) of record.

Applicant respectfully traverses.

Claims 4 and 5 depend from claim 1. Thus, Applicant believes that claims 4 and 5 are also patentable over the cited art for at least the reasons presented above regarding claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant requests reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejection, and allowance of claims 4 and 5.

Withdrawn Claims

Applicant amends withdrawn claims 13, 15, 29, 30, and 40 to include the things that are at least similar to those of the allowable claim 49. Thus, Applicant believes that 13, 15, 29, 30, and 40 are also patentable over the cited art. Therefore, Applicant requests rejoinder and allowance of claims 13, 15, 29, 30, and 40 and their dependent claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 49-51 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The things recited in claim 49 are now incorporated into claim 1, and claim 49 is canceled. Claim 50 is amended to be dependent from claim 1. Thus, Applicant believes that claims 50 and 51, as written in the dependent form, are also patentable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' representative at (612) 373-6969 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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